

NSTLRA BOARD MEETING
Tuesday June 17, 2014
Northern Exposure, Phelps, WI

The meeting is called to order at 8:07 AM by President Roger Ganser.

Members In Attendance: President Roger Ganser, Vice-President Bob Bailey, Treasurer Dick Donarski, Ron and Kay Ottoson, Margo Peterson, John Hyde, Mike Schindler, Cap and Denise Pedersen

Members Not in Attendance: Steve Bahrke, Marti Primich, Don Zirbel, Joe Wallace

Minutes: A motion is made by Ron Ottoson to accept the minutes of the May 29th Board Meeting; Dick Donarski seconds, and the motion is approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Donarski received a check from Phelps for \$2,000. The checking account balance is \$3,685.39 and the AMEN Fund has a balance of \$52,313.96. We received a grant reimbursement check from the DNR for \$14,978 and Dick paid Onterra \$6,555. Laura Babe called Dick and wants to order sweatshirts and t-shirts. Dick asked what dollar amount she was thinking and Laura said \$2,500. Bob Bailey moves to approve \$2,500 for the purchase of the merchandise, John Hyde seconds and the motion is approved.

Annual Membership Letter: Roger has done a draft of the membership letter. He checked with the Phelps Office and they are not closing as long as the school is open. They suggested we purchase envelopes from the Post Office with our return address and Forever stamped. Roger ordered 1000 pre-stamped envelopes from the Post Office and Hahn print the membership letter.

Lake Treatment: Cap Pedersen talked with the hand pullers on Saturday and contracted with them for six weeks of hand pulling, at a cost of \$2,000 per week. He will talk with them next week to set up a schedule. The navigation buoys are all in the lake. Dan Towne of Dan's Docks and Lifts is going to change his tactics this fall when he removes the buoys. He will pick up the buoys, chains and anchors and set them in with the GPS in the spring. That will prevent losing any chains and anchors.

Swimmer's Itch: John Hyde reports there is a direct correlation between changing the natural shoreline and the amount of phosphorus in the lake. Removing the natural shoreline can cause 7 times the natural phosphorus in the lake and 18 times the sediment. If you create a buffer zone at the shoreline, you can restore the lake to its natural condition. John feels we need to educate the people on the lake regarding this, welcome them to meetings and get them involved in issues we are talking about. Roger suggests we invite Colin Snook, Phelps Town Manager, to a meeting. John Hyde is contacting other Lake Associations to share information and asks if it is prudent to mention that North and South Twin have had occurrences of Swimmer's Itch. It is agreed that it is all right to mention that in his discussions with other Lake Associations

Newsletter: Roger tells Margot Peterson that everyone liked the new format. Margot suggest we have extra Newsletters at the Annual Meeting and tell people if they have new neighbors to pick one up for them. Margot asks about the timing for the next newsletter and it is agreed that it should be the end of October. Margot asks the board members to take photos from our summer events for the newsletter. Margot asks John Hyde to do 4 or 5 bullet points regarding Swimmer's Itch with any links people can use for more information. Margot asks if anyone else received duplicate newsletters; Bob Bailey explained that Hahn sent some duplicates to the board members to qualify for bulk mailing. Roger Ganser checked with Ginny Parker about how the mailing list is updated. Ginny gave Bob Bailey her master list. Dick Donarski says he will get information on new members to Bob so the member list is updated.

E-mail Distribution: Denise Pedersen has entered all the emails we have for members into an address book for our new email account, **lakenews@NSTLRA.com**. This will make it easy to send out emails regarding upcoming events, etc.

Social: Ron Ottoson met with Gary at Camp Birch Knoll and we are planning a picnic there on Saturday, August 16th. We will have a flyer at the Annual Meeting regarding the new event. Ron says the amount of food will be the big issue for this new event. Dick Donarski suggests we could ask people attending the golf outing the week before if they plan to come to the picnic. The camp piers will still be in so people can come by boat or car. Ron has asked Gary to do a presentation on the history of the property and have photos. Kay Ottoson suggested we open the event to "members, family and guests" and everyone agrees. Kay says the event will be BYOB and will ask Gary if it OK for people to bring beer. Ron reports the Golf Outing is set at Big Sand Lake for Friday, August 8th with lunch afterwards at Sand Lake Club. Ron and Cap Pedersen have spoken to the club about improving the food from last years. Cap said that last year NSTLRA put up \$100 for prizes for the golf outing; \$150 is approved for this year.

Annual Meeting: Roger says Katherine won't be able to attend, but will have everything lined up for the picnic. Roger asks John Hyde to check out the facilities at Conover Park. Cap asks if they can put the picnic on their sign at the park.

Future Board Meetings: Roger Ganser has a conflict on the scheduled meeting date of July 22nd. It's agreed to move that meeting to July 24 at Northern Exposure. Roger will check about having a meeting at the Phelps School.

Clean Boats/Clean Water: Mike Schindler says Mary asked him to mention the signs at the boat landing. Cap volunteers to check the signs at Lakota and South Twin landings.

Roger asks if there is any other business. Dick Donarski received a letter from the Wisconsin Valley Improvement regarding grant money available for projects such as entrance roads, parking, bike trails, picnic facilities, erosion control, etc. Dick spoke with Mike Schindler about contact Jeff Currey at GHT to see if he knows about these grants. Mike will contact Jeff. Roger Ganser suggests we should consider connoting WVI regarding funding "shoreline preservation".

Mike Schindler speaks about GHT and shows a brochure from Vilas County Silent Sports showing all the trails; they put together the brochure utilizing a grant. Mike and Mary will be manning a booth for GHT at the Phelps Picnic in the Park on July 8th. NSTLRA joined GHT last year and Mike says he hopes we will again this year. Ron Ottoson makes a motion we join, Dick Donarski seconds and it is approved that we join and donate the same amount as last year. Mike shows the board a "bike band" being sold by GHT for \$5.00 with the concept being that you will get a discount at area businesses if you are wearing a band. Roger asks if Mike could have some at the annual meeting for sale and also have other information on GHT. Roger says we should be looking at methods of integrating with other associations.

Roger Ganser received an email from Joe Wallace that he is purchasing the microphone system for the Annual Meeting that was approved at the last Board Meeting.

Dick Donarski received a letter from the Conover Chamber of Commerce asking us to join and it is approved we join again this year; the cost is \$15.

Ron Ottoson mentions that 14,000 walleyes were speared by the Indians in our lakes. There is discussion of having a speaker at the Annual Meeting regarding educating people on this issue; John Hyde asks if you are going to educate or agitate? Roger agrees and says we may be better off doing an article in the newsletter.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Pedersen
Secretary